

and wherein the elastomeric spacer comprises a layered body having at least one elastomeric material layer and at least one metal layer.

68 22. An apparatus for use in a drill string and drill bit assembly, comprising:

a first member for attachment to the drill string;
a second member for attachment to at least one drilling member;
a resiliently deformable connecting member between the first member and the second member for tilting the first member with respect to the second member while transmitting torque and weight from the first member to the second member, the second member being connected by the connecting member to the first member in a free-floating relationship, thereby allowing the second member to tilt and move laterally with respect to the first member in response to reaction forces experienced during use of a drill bit and wherein the connecting member comprises a hollow body containing a compressible fluid.

69 23. The apparatus as defined in Claim 22 wherein the hollow body transfers torque between the first member and the second member.

In the Drawings

A separate letter to the Draftsperson is being sent requesting the corrections noted in Section 8 of the Office Action. A copy of the requested drawing corrections marked in red ink is included for the Examiner's convenience.

Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the arrangement suggested in Section 5 of the Office Action. In accordance with the requirement of Section 6 of the Office Action, an Abstract has also been included in this Amendment.

The disclosure has been amended to correct the capitalization of the word "assembly" as required in Section 7 of the Office Action.